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#### MILL STREET

# HAP closes on purchase of former farm land

Affordable housing project can't be stopped, councilors told

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On Monday night, it was the City Council's turn to ask the questions.

But they learned, like several residents in attendance, the deal

Representatives from HAP Housing announced they have closed on a 12.5-acre parcel of land at 586 Mill St. HAP, a Spring-field-based nonprofit that develops affordable housing units for low-income residents, spent about \$600,000 to purchase the property, and also spent money to evaluate the property.

For the July 25 council workshop meeting, Agawam City Council President James Cichetti had invited representatives from HAP to come and answer questions. HAP was represented by Senior Vice President Michelle McAdaragh and Project Manager Carolyn Shiel. Nine of the council's 11 members were in attendance.

They said the process started in March, when they began evaluating the property after entering into a purchase and sales agreement. The farmhouse had been identified by town government as a blight property. HAP said they were attracted to it because of its close proximity to public schools, the library, and a grocery store, as well the shops of Feeding Hills Center.

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#### FIELD WORK



The pavement base for the all-weather track at Agawam High School was poured last week, with the all-weather track surface coming next.

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The artificial turf has been laid down on the multi-purpose field, including a large orange "A" sewn into the center.



## TUCKAHOE TURF FARM

# No plans for town 'beautiful property'

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The mayor says he is not looking to develop or sell the Tuckahoe property the town acquired 15 years ago. Indeed, there are no plans to do anything with the

292-acre former turf farm.

Tuckahoe Turf Farm, on South West Street, was acquired with the goal to preserve open space. The property continued to be used as a farm, on a contract basis, for several years, Mayor

Richard Cohen and Public Works Director Christopher Golba confirmed.

"It used to be leased to a farmer who did turf farming," said Golba. "There are a lot of fields on the property. But it has not been used for that purpose in a few years."

Today, the only authorized use for the land is by the DPW, for storage of materials and as a landing spot for excessive amounts of brush.

When the region was hit by

a freak snowstorm on Oct. 29, 2011, resulting in downed trees and the majority of the town being without power, "we used the Tuckahoe Turf property as a staging area," said Golba. "Trucks would bring the brush, trees, and branches. We would certify the contents of each truck, and then would grind up the brush."

The materials were hauled away after they were processed at the site, Golba said, but the

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The town-owned Tuckahoe Turf property is currently utilized for open space, though the Department of Public Works also stores loam and millings on the land. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIREL I.









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# Blood drive Friday at AFD

While thousands of people from across the country responded to the emergency request for blood and platelet donations issued by the American Red Cross in early July, a critical blood shortage remains. The Red Cross urges eligible donors to give now to help ensure blood is available throughout the rest of the summer to meet patient needs.

A blood drive will be held in Agawam from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 29, at the Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St

Donors of all blood types are urgently needed to help restock the shelves. The Red Cross is thanking those who come in to donate blood or platelets between July 25 and Aug. 31 by emailing them a \$5 Amazon.com gift card claim code.

To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767. Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce wait times.

# PT boat veteran to be honored Aug. 2 at state cemetery

The veterans cemetery in Agawam will honor Andrew Jackson Kirksey, who served with John F. Kennedy in World War II and died on PT-109, at a service on Tuesday.

The 2 p.m. service at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery chapel, 1390 Main St., Agawam, is open to anyone from the area.

Feeding Hills resident Frank J. Andruss Sr. suggested to the cemetery and the Kirksey family that they honor the sailor, whose body was never recovered and, consequently, never buried in a veterans cemetery.

Another sailor who died on PT-109, Harold W. Marney, was also recently honored with a memorial stone at the Agawam cemetery. Andruss, who became friends with Kirksey's son Jack, began discussing the possibility of having Andrew's memorial stone placed in Agawam.

"It was a real exciting

thought to have both of these men honored in the same area and the same cemetery," said Andruss. "I began negotiations with the cemetery director, Richard Bastien. Recently, Kirksey's stone was placed and erected three stones down from Marney's."

After the Aug. 2 service, attendees may view both of these memorial stones.

Kirksey and Marney were killed in action on Aug. 2, 1943, when PT-109, under the command of the future president, was rammed and sunk by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri.

Andruss has studied the history of the PT boats and collected artifacts since he first saw the movie "PT-109" in 1967, at 10 years old. Over the years, Andruss established the Mosquito Fleet Exhibit, which included hundreds of rare artifacts donated by PT boat veterans and their families. His exhibits have been seen all over Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. He

has contacted hundreds of PT boat veterans, publishing two books and seeing to it that the boats, bases, and tenders would remain in the public eye for future generations to come.

Andrew Kirksey, a World War II veteran killed on PT 109, will be honored Aug. 2 at a ceremony to be held at the Agawam Veterans Cemetery. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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## Storrowton seeks volunteers for Big E

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Eastern States Exposition's Storrowton Village Museum is extending an invitation to individuals age 14 and up to volunteer as costumed guides in the classic 1800s village during the Big E.

Volunteers are needed to act as hosts and conduct guided tours of the Village's historic buildings during this year's Big E, Sept. 16 to Oct. 2. Training sessions for prospective volunteers begin Wednesday, Aug. 24. To participate, volunteers must complete a volunteer inter-

est form and schedule an inperson interview with a Storrowton Village staff member. Selected volunteers must be available to attend all three training sessions, which take place Aug. 24, Aug. 31 and Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Village volunteers dress in Early American-inspired apparel to give fairgoers a glimpse of New England's past. Interpreting the roles of 19th century New Englanders, volunteers will gain a wealth of knowledge about crafts, food and daily life of the era while participating in

the excitement of the Big E.

Costumes, parking and admission for volunteers on duty will be provided by the Big E, as well as a 25 percent discount on items purchased at the gift shops operated by Storrowton Village. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to attend the staff field trip, picnic and the annual Big E staff party.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Storrowton Village Museum before Aug. 12 at 413-205-5051, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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# **Knightsmen rock on stage at Night Out**

Cory & the Knightsmen will perform at the next SummerFest concert scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m.

This Tuesday edition of SummerFest will be held in conjunction with National Night Out at School Street Park. SummerFest is brought to the public free of charge by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, the Agawam Rotary Club and the Agawam Cultural Council, with support from local sponsors. The concert will be in the Darcy Davis Band Shell at School Street Park. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the airconditioned Agawam High School auditorium at 760 Cooper St.

Established in 1967 by bandleader Cory DeGray, the Knightsmen band has been providing local establishments with rock 'n' roll music for over three decades. Original band members consisted of Cory



The next featured performers at this summer's series of SummerFest concerts will be Cory & the Knightsmen. The concert will take place Tuesday, Aug. 2, in conjunction with the public safety community event, National Night Out. SUBMITTED PHOTO

DeGray, Dick Fortin, Les Barber and Fred Bennett. In 1986, DeGray welcomed his 15-year-old daughter Korey to the band as keyboardist and female vocalist.

In 1994, another addition was welcomed as Korey married bass guitarist and vocalist Tony Bruno. Dave Ziemnicki plays the drums, Jim Blanche is on guitar and other returning members include Ed Beckwith on keyboards and lead guitarist Pete Smith. In the spring of 2005, the band welcomed two new mem-

bers to the family — Bob Burke on lead guitar and his wife Paula is running sound. Bob Burke was the founder of the band The Corporation.

Currently, the Knightsmen include five performers, Cory and Korey DeGray, Bruno, Burke and Ziemnicki. Throughout the last 40 years, band members have come and gone, but all have remained loyal in their friendships. Cory and the Knightsmen can be found performing in local establishments as well as traveling the east coast.

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# National Night Out 'block party" returns Aug. 2 at School St. Park

Agawam will participate in National Night Out for the fourth year on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at School Street Park. The local event is sponsored by the Agawam Police Department and is comparable to an old-fashioned neighborhood block party. Running from 5 to 7:30 p.m., it features crime prevention information, demonstrations by public safety agencies as well as food, festivities, and music. The purpose is to enhance police-community relationships and improve neighborhood camaraderie.

Agawam police officers and firefighters will be at the Night Out to talk with residents. Representatives

from the State Police, local and state emergency management agencies, several military branches, and the U.S. Marshal's Office will also be hand to meet with the public. Emergency vehicles from the town's Police and Fire departments will be on view as will those from other agencies. The

Fire Department also will cut up a donated vehicle to demonstrate the capabilities of its Jaws of Life tools, and the State Police will put on a K-9 police dog demonstration.

Other attractions includea child seat safety check, which begins at 3 p.m. and runs for the length of the event, and child ID kits.

Entertainment will include a performance by a local dance studio and, after Night Out wraps up, a free concert by Cory & the Knightsmen, a Westfield

Known as "America's Night Out Against Crime," National Night Out began in

1984 as a traditional "lights on" campaign. The symbolic front porch vigils then became community celebrations across America, Canada and military bases around the world. Each year, nearly 38 million people attend National Night Out in thousands of communities across the country.



A highlight of the last year's National Night Out was a demonstration by the police dogs and their handlers who are part of the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit. They will return for this year's Night Out on Aug. 2. FILE PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

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# Stand with police — they stand with you

his hasn't been an easy month to be a police officer, but at least in our town, the Finest know that their community is on their side.

Individual families from Agawam have been delivering meals to the town's police and fire departments throughout July, as a way of thanking them for putting their lives on the line to defend our safety and property — and as a way to let the police, in particular, know that Agawam residents are on their side.

Police in America have been on the defensive for a year, ever since the start of a long line of highly publicized cases of alleged police brutality against racial minorities. Like all professions, the police have a few bad apples who are needlessly aggressive or reckless or racist. Unique among professions, the police are tasked with deciding whether to use deadly force, in the heat of the moment, in a rapidly changing situation, without knowing for sure whether the people they encounter are drunk, high, unbalanced, armed, intent on mayhem, blinded by hatred for authority, racially or religiously motivated to violence, actively committing a crime, simply having a bad day or just in the wrong place at the wrong time. Like all professions, the police can make mistakes. Unlike most, their mistakes can be fatal — for themselves and, just as unfortunately, for the people they are sworn to protect. And their mistakes, increasingly, are being broadcast nationwide on cable news.

The police deserve our scrutiny. As a community and as a nation, we ought to know, and we ought to discuss it, whenever an apparently innocent person is killed by police. We ought to debate whether better training or different policies would save more lives and reduce conflicts.

But just like the rest of us, the police also deserve a fair hearing. To dwell on isolated incidents of alleged racism risks overshadowing the overwhelming majority of police encounters with the public, which are conducted professionally, with genuine care by law officers. While acknowledging that the United States has not yet overcome all of its systematic or personal racism, to relentlessly paint the police with the broad brush of institutional brutality is just as prejudicial. The police are individual human beings, most of whom are just trying to make their town safer for their families and their law-abiding neighbors.

There's a silver lining in every cloud. Just as the killings by police in 2015 and 2016 prompted the Black Lives Matter movement and forced mainstream America into a difficult, but necessary, dialogue on racism, the killings of police this month have awoken in us a recognition of the value of the men and women who wear the badge, and a sympathy for the effort that they put into their impossible pursuit of perfection.

Whether it's cooking a meal to bring to police headquarters, or attending National Night Out next Tuesday, or simply remaining calm, respectful and pleasant during the next traffic stop, we can do our part to show our law enforcement professionals that we're got their back. After all, they have ours.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@ turley.com.



#### Letters to the Editor

# Affordable housing comes with burdens to the town

I would like to express my opinion on the HAP purchase of the farmland on Mill Street. I have lived here my entire life for 56 years, in the same neighborhood. I have seen some incredible changes that have occurred in this great town since my birth in 1960.

I was always told that there is nothing that can't be accomplished with hard work and sweat. I would like to call upon our mayor, council, police and fire officials to take a good, hard look at this affordable housing issue with concern to cost, burden and the general impact in the area that this will cause.

I am not against the property being developed as long as there is no threat to people that have worked very hard to have and keep up their property, only to have its value crushed. When mentioning the Chapter 40B law, that the HAP can just come in and do what they want, I think

it is time for our officials to stand behind the citizens of this great town. We do not need another Brady Village or Pheasant Hill in our town

If the original intensions in those developments was to help people to make a better life for themselves, it never happens. The wrong people become squatters, and ruin the area. I live near one — Brady Village. It is a dump. I do not see veterans living there or senior citizens, or the handicapped, the people that cannot work or who need emergency housing. I see people who are living there that are just lazy and are using the system. I know a few (squatters) that have been enabled by the state of Massachusetts.

It is time for our town officials to do their job, get a backbone and fight for this town. Keep HAP out!

> James Loomis Feeding Hills

# Agawam no place for affordable housing

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Mark Maczka Agawam





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JAY SPEAKS

# uring my growing Later, a dollar bill was worth up years, I heard 70 cents Canadian. That is a

from time to time, that our paper currency and coins were backed up by the gold that the U.S. government stockpiled in Fort Knox. At some point in the 1930s, the government went off the gold standard and took gold out of circulation. Then, as the years have gone by, the value of gold has gone up and down from a low of \$40 per ounce to a high of \$1,000 per ounce. Do I know whether there is enough gold in Fort Knox to back our currency? No, I do

I often wonder how it happens. ... Several years ago, on a trip to Canada, my dollar bill was worth a dollar and fifty cents, Canadian. Tater, a dollar bill was worth 70 cents Canadian. That is a swing of 80 cents ... almost a dollar. Who is fooling with my dollar?

Almost a decade ago I read in a news magazine that there was talk in the Treasury Department to make our paper currency differing sizes in addition to making them differing colors. The dollar would remain green. The \$2 bill will make a comeback; sort of a yellow-green. The \$5 bill would be reddish. The \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills would not only be differing colors, but differing sizes. There goes 250 million men's wallets; women's purses and the like.

There was also talk about eliminating the dollar

# All the gold in Fort Knox

bill and bringing in a dollar coin. Canada did it and they have a dollar coin known as the "loonie" (because they have a loon stamped on the coin). We came out with a series of dollar coins of our early presidents. Ostensibly

the dollar coin would be used in vending machines, subways, bus fare boxes and the like. I guess that's gone by.

Getting back to coin collection, you probably were bit by the collecting bug of state quarters. We certainly can use tons of quarters: parking meters, laundromats, newspaper



machines and general change. Why hasn't our Treasury Department done anything with the 50 cent piece? Also a hot topic a couple of years ago was the idea of doing away with the penny.

boxes, vending

Articles spoke about the immense savings to be gained with the elimination of that coin. Although there isn't much copper in a penny anymore, perhaps the copper manufacturers got their lobbyists busy with Congress or the treasury.

I saw a movie the other night titled "The Counterfeiters." It tells the story of Jewish prisoners in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. They were an assortment of graphic artists, printing specialists, and some familiar with gelatins and colors. Their charge, in order to stay alive, was to duplicate the British pound and the American dollar. The Nazis thought that they could use that currency to further their war effort. The prisoners were successful in making the pound and produced about 400 million pounds late in the war. The dollar project was not successful until almost the last few days in the war, and was never used.

That brings up the question: Today, with all the hidden threads, symbols and colors in today's currency,

would it be possible to counterfeit it successfully in large quantities?

Years ago, you would see cashiers holding up bills to the light. Recently, in a large discount store, I saw a machine built into the cash register that a clerk would hold a \$100 bill over to see if it was OK. So, I guess that someone is out there trying to counterfeit money.

Therefore, over the next few months, or years, I'll look for new bills, new coins, new values for the U.S. Dollar, but Fort Knox will still be stashing away the gold.

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.

"We liked this particular site because it had walkability to several amenities," said Shiel.

Twice, councilors asked HAP representatives if they would reconsider development of the site.

Shiel and McAdaragh both said considerable work and funds had gone into making sure the site was ideal for a multi-unit housing complex, and HAP is already invested in the site. Shiel said HAP intends to develop a site plan in the coming months and then file an application with the state under Chapter 40B, which would allow development of the site with little to no oversight from Agawam town officials.

Councilor Robert Rossi complained that the council was not made aware the site was being considered for a HAP project, especially because he said the town was looking at the Mill Street property for an early childhood center. The School Committee recently named the Clark School campus as its preferred site for a new preschool and kindergarten building, and the Agawam Junior High School campus as a backup option. Both sites are already owned by the town.

McAdaragh said when the HAP site was identified, the mayor's office was informed of the agency's intentions. Mayor Richard Cohen, however, said Tuesday that he was not told about HAP's interest in the Mill Street property until it was made public.

"They never talked to me," Cohen said.

Rossi asked if HAP could consider any other sites in

Shiel said 586 Mill St. has been on the market for many years, and no one was looking to buy the prop-

"We went through a lengthy due diligence process prior to closing on the sale," said Shiel.

Councilor Paul Cavallo asked whether a traffic study had been performed.

McAdaragh said a traffic study will be performed, but has to wait until a site plan has been developed.

"We need to know how many units we are putting in before we can study the impact on traffic," she said.

Cavallo said he is very concerned about the traffic on Mill Street, which is especially busy in the 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. time frames. He is a former principal of Agawam High School, which abuts Mill Street less than a mile from the proposed HAP site.

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posed project, who have already spoken out against it on social media and at two informal meetings earlier this month, had said HAP was looking to build 60 to 70 units on the property. On Monday, HAP representatives said a majority of the units would be twobedroom units, but they stopped short of detailing how many they are looking to build.

Councilor Anthony Suffriti said he would have liked it if HAP had reached out to residents prior to purchasing the site, to avoid the uproar from nearby residents, who have been looking town officials for a solution.

More than 300 residents have signed a petition at Change.org asking the mayor and council to buy

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the land, using money from the Community Preservation Act, a property tax surcharge that can be used for open space preservation, among other purposes.

In April, the town's CPA fund had a \$575,858 unspent balance designated for open space, and \$992,765 available for any purpose. Cohen said he is not aware of any current municipal need for the Mill Street land, and declined to comment on whether the town would be able to purchase it or take it by eminent domain.

Shiel said any development of the property by HAP would not happen for at least two to three years.

Staff writer Michael I. Ballway contributed to this report.

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staging area was important to the process of gaining reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which had a detailed process for reimbursing Western Massachusetts towns and cities for their costs from the storm.

Since that time, the use of the property has been very quiet, Cohen said.

"The DPW utilizes the property for a few things, but there is no work or maintenance involved, and it is pretty much used to preserve open space," Cohen said. "It is a beautiful

piece of property."

Golba said millings and loam (dirt) are stored on the property for DPW use. No harmful materials are stored on the property.

Cohen said no major changes in use are on his radar for the property. He did say consideration has been made to put a compost pile on the property, though nothing formal has been proposed. He also said a section of the Route 57 expressway extension would go through the property, if the state were to complete the road, as planned, to the Southwick town line.

City Council President works in real estate, also does not have any specific ideas for the property. He did say some of the

property could possibly be used for recreation or industrial use. A zone change would be need for industrial use, as the property is zoned agricul-

Planning and Community Development Director Marc Strange said his department does not currently have any plans for the property, though

ideas are thrown out occasionally.

"In order to do anything there, though," Strange said. "We would likely do a feasibility study to see what could be put there. We also would try to get public input to see what people think we should do with the property."

The DPW does not mow or otherwise maintain the property, Golba said.

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# **Kick off 'celebration of the century'** with road race on Exposition grounds

SPRINGFIELD — Eastern States Exposition will kick off its 20-day countdown to opening day of the fair with the Big 5K Road Race & Fun Run, Saturday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. Participants can run, walk or do the chicken dance through the fairgrounds on a USATF certified course during the most exciting time of the year — set-up for the Big E.

Participants will compete for cash prizes or medals in each age division. All are encouraged to dress in their Big E best for a shot at winning the revered Big E Spirit Award. The person whose outfit best exemplifies the spirit of the Big E will receive a VIP day at the fair, including an exclusive invitation to the Big E Bash with DJ Diesel, better known as basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal, on opening day.

The first 500 people to register will receive a Big 5K shirt, free admission to the Big E on opening day, a free drink and Big E swag. The race will culminate with music, refreshments, games and an awards ceremony at Storrowton Tavern's patio.

Prizes for the top male and female finishers are \$300 for first place; \$200 for second place; \$100 for third

Children, ages 10 and under, can also join in the festivities with the Kids Fun Run - free with a donation of a new or gently used book. Participants will take their mark at Gate 2 and dash down the Avenue of States with the Big 5K mascot, Krisp-E, the quick chick. Fun Run participants must register in advance.

Following the race, families are invited to hang out in the Kids Zone on the Storrowton Village Green for fun activities, including an egg hunt, nesting box toss and chicken fling.

Register for the Big 5K Road Race & Fun Run at The-BigE.com/TheBig5K or search the Big 5K on Racewire.com.

There are a number of volunteer positions available on race day. All volunteers will receive a singleday admission ticket, good for any one day of the 2016Big E. For more information, contact the Agriculture and Education Department at aginfo@TheBigE. com or call 413-205-5011.

# Adult reading program continues at library

The Adult Summer Reading Program is going strong at the Agawam Library. Participants will read or listen to a book checked out on their own card from the Agawam Library and are then asked to fill out review slips and drop it in the box at the "On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!" showcase. Throughout the summer, review slips are displayed in the showcase to see what others are reading. Completed review slips will be drawn in a raffle on Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. Prizes are valued at \$25. For evattend this summer, they earn an extra raffle ticket. For more information, call 413-789-1550, ext. 1550, visit www.agawamlibrary.org or go to the library at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read! is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Library System, the Agawam and Massachusetts Cultural Councils, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Collaborative Summer Library Program.

## Nominations wanted for Regional Chamber's 60 revenue, growth awards

The Springfield Regional Chamber is seeking nominations for its annual Super 60 awards program.

Now in its 27th year, the awards program celebrates the success of the fastestgrowing and largest privately owned businesses in the region. Each year, the program identifies the top performing companies in revenue growth and total revenue. Last year, total revenue winners combined for revenues of over \$1 billion, with one-third of winners exceeding revenues of \$30 million. All winners in the revenue growth category had growth in excess of 20 percent while onethird experienced growth

To be considered, companies must be based in Hampden or Hampshire counties, including Agawam, or be a member of the Springfield Regional Chamber, produce revenues of at least \$1 million in the last fiscal year, be an independent and privately-owned company, and be in business for at least three full years. Companies are selected based on their percentage of

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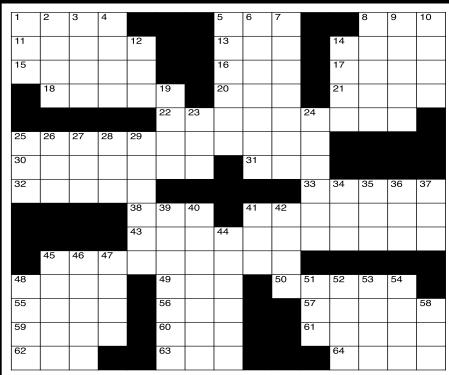
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Companies may be nominated by financial institutions, attorneys, accountants or themselves. Companies must submit a nomination form and provide net operating revenue figures for the last three full fiscal years, signed and verified by an independent auditor. All financial information must be reported under generally accepted accounting principles and will be held and considered confidential and not released

ery program participants

or 413-755-1310. Nominations must be submitted no later than Aug. 12.

The Super 60 awards will be presented in partnership with the East of the River Five Town Chamber of Commerce at the annual luncheon and recognition program on Oct. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam.



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without prior approval. Nomination forms are available online or by contacting Kara Cavanaugh at cavanaugh@springfieldregionalchamber.com

> **Volunteers** sought to play with homeless children

SPRINGFIELD — Horizons for Homeless Children is seeking volunteers to play with homeless children in Springfield for two hours a week. This year 16,000 children under the age of 5 in Massachusetts have been homeless.

A volunteer training session will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, in Springfield. For more information or to volunteer, visit horizonschildren.org/playspace or call 413-532-0467

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# Public Safety

#### FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 81 EMS calls from July 12 to July 18, and the following emergency response calls

On July 12 at 9:27 a.m., the department responded to South End Bridge Circle for smoke scare, odor of

On July 12 at 10:23 a.m., the department responded to River Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On July 13 at 8:08 a.m., the department responded to Sharon Lane for trash or rubbish fire, contained.

On July 13 at 9:31 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system sounded due to mal-

On July 13 at noon, the department responded to River Road for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 13 at 1:17 p.m., the department responded to Horsham Place for public service.

On July 13 at 3:21 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire unintentional.

On July 13 at 8:49 p.m., the department responded to Raymond Circle to assist invalid.

On July 13 at 11:22 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.

On July 14 at 11:50 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for detector activation, no fire

On July 14 at 12:11 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On July 14 at 3:40 p.m., the department responded to Hunt Street for smoke detector activation, no fire unintentional.

On July 14 at 5:52 p.m., the department responded to S. Westfield Street for motor vehicle accident with

On July 14 at 6:11 p.m., the department responded to Spencer Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On July 14 at 8:25 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire-un-

On July 15 at 1:47 p.m., the department responded to Pineview Circle for public service assistance, other.

On July 16 at 5:37 a.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for alarm system activation, no fire-unintentional.

On July 16 at 8:57 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for public service assistance, other.

On July 16 at 9:28 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street to assist invalid.

On July 16 at 9:38 a.m., the department responded to School Street for good intent call, other.

On July 16 at 1:59 p.m., the department responded

to Pineview Circle for lockout. On July 16 at 3:05 p.m., the department responded

to Maple Street for lockout. On July 16 at 4:10 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 Rotary for motor vehicle accident with no

injuries. On July 16 at 9:10 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 16 at 9:40 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire unintentional.

On July 17 at 2:24 a.m., the department responded to S. Westfield Street for motor vehicle accident with no

On July 17 at 12:55 p.m., the department responded to Rowley Street for good intent call, other.

On July 18 at 4:09 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for alarm system sounded due to mal-

On July 18 at 5:13 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On July 18 at 11:34 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for central station, malicious false

On July 18 at 10:23 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire

On July 18 at 10:36 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire

#### **POLICE LOG**

The Agawam Police Department responded to 382 calls for service from July 18 to July 24. The department recorded four arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

#### Monday, July 18

Seth Watson, 34, of Taylor Street, Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant for larceny over \$250, and a default warrant for license suspension.

#### Tuesday, July 19

William Robinson, 54, of Walnut St., South Hadley, was arrested on a default warrant for operation of a motor vehicle after revocation, operation of a motor vehicle with license revoked as a habitual traffic offender, uninsured motor vehicle, attaching plates to a motor vehicle, and no inspection sticker.

#### Friday, July 22

Aaron Bodley, 24, of El Paso St., Springfield, was arrested on charges of malicious damage to a motor vehicle, disturbing the peace, and carrying a dangerous

#### Sunday, July 24

A male juvenile from Springfield was arrested on charges of breaking and entering a building in the daytime for a felony, and attempting to commit a crime.

# **Humason seeks to reverse AG** 'reinterpretation' of gun ban

State Sen. Don Humason on July 23 filed a bill to curtail Attorney General Maura Healey's oversight on firearms, after the attorney general announced a reinterpretation of the state's automatic weapons

"As a legislator and a strong supporter of Massachusetts residents' Second Amendment rights, I was very disappointed to learn about the attorney general's unclear and overreaching attempt to reinterpret the intention of the Legislature on this issue," said Humason, a Westfield Republican who also represents Agawam. "As recently as 2014, we debated the state's gun laws, and to my best recollection this concern was not expressed by a single member in either branch during that debate or the previous 16 years the Legislature debated this issue."

Humason's bill, An Act Clarifying Firearms Oversight, would remove the attorney general's authority to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the sale of firearms in Massachusetts. The proposal has received bipartisan support in the Legislature.

"Public input and deliberative debate is critical when we are considering changes to laws regarding citizens' constitutional rights," said Humason. "What the attorney general issued this week flies in the face of the transparent and accessible government that work to ensure."

On July 20, the Attorney General issued a directive that sought to define the terms "copy" and "duplicate" as used in the state's ban on all automatic firearms and certain semiautomatic firearms. Her action effectively caused an immediate ban on an undefined list of firearms across the state, sparking legal concerns for law-abiding firearms owners, firearms dealers, and law enforcement officials, Humason said.

At that time, Healey's office said she was simply enforcing the existing state law, which bans certain models of gun - like the Colt AR-15 and Kalashnikov AK-47 — as well as "copies of duplicates of those weapons" that are manufactured, according to Healey, to get around the state ban by introducing minor tweaks.

'The gun industry has openly defied our laws here in Massachusetts for nearly two decades," said Healey. "That ends today. We have a moral and legal responsibility to ensure that combat-style weapons are off our streets and out of the hands of those who would use them to kill innocent people."

The attorney general's office also said the new definitions will not be enforced aginst gun owners who acquired their guns before July 20, 2016. Those seeking to sell weapons — including gun dealers with merchandise already residents expect and we in stock — will, however, be ties in the state Senate.

affected immediately by the ban. They would still be allowed to sell their guns outside Massachusetts.

Healey characterized the redefinition as a measure "to prevent the kinds of tragedies here that have occurred in places like Orlando, San Bernardino, Newtown and Aurora."

Humason said the attorney general was setting policy that sholud be debated in the Legislature.

"I am happy to discuss the many ways we can promote increased firearm safety while preserving second amendment rights in the commonwealth, and I think it is an important conversation to have on a continuing basis," Humason said. "The bill I filed seeks to ensure that the Legislature can continue to have that conversation honestly and openly, without misinterpretation of the bodies' intent."

Formal sessions in the Legislature conclude on July 31.

Humason and staff are available to meet with constituents at his district office, 64 Noble St. in Westfield. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead is recommended. Humason's district office staff can be reached at 413-568-1366. Staff in his Boston office can be reached at 617-722-1415 for legislative matters. The senator's email is Donald.Humason@ MASenate.gov.

Humason represents Agawam and 10 other communi-

# **Blood donors receive free Big E ticket**

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Landmark at Monastery Heights will host a blood drive with Baystate Health Blood Donor Program from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8. Each eligible donor will receive a free

ticket to the 2016 Big E.

To register, call Michelle at 413-781-1282, ext. 116. Walk-ins are welcome.

Landmark at Monastery Heights is at 110 Monastery Ave., West Springfield.

# Vendors, crafters sought for fall festival

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, will hold its eighth annual Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 15. Applications are now being accepted for vendors and juried

This event is a juried arts and crafts fair featuring original handmade crafts of wood, paper, fabrics, pottery, jewelry, gourds, metals and more. The day's events will include a book sale, raffles, a homemade pie sale, and an old fashioned general store offering popcorn, pickles, baked goods, and items handmade by church members.

The Country Lunch Cafe will have a varied menu of sandwiches, soup and chili made from scratch.

For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111 or to download an application, visit www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com.

# **Lioness taking reservations for casino trip**

The Agawam Lioness Club is sponsoring a trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Sunday, Sept. 11. The cost of the trip is \$33, which includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet.

The bus will leave from the Agawam

High School parking lot at noon or earlier if riders have all boarded. Early reservations are encouraged for this popular

For reservations, call Pat at 413-786-1782 or Rose at 413-786-5134.





After the main section of the turf was installed, some markings — such as yard lines and yard numbers — were sewn into the surface. SUBMITTED PHOTO



An auxiliary trainer and equipment building nears completion last week at Agawam High School. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY



Workers installed the artificial turf field earlier this month, part of the \$9.2 million athletics facilities project at Agawam High School. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Workers continue to gut the locker rooms at Agawam High School, which were built in the 1950s and have not been ized locker rooms are being installed. SUBMITTED PHOTO



the backstop posts up. Turley publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli



Project contractors have run into delays in the locker room work due to asbestos removal. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# **Doering School Honor Roll**

Susan Federico, principal at Roberta G. Doering School, recently announced the fourth term honor roll for the 2015-16 school year.

Grade 6: Amara Agosto, James Anziano, Nina Baranov, Olivia Barbarini, Emalee Bisson, Aaliyah Brace, Virginia Caney, Lauren Carrier, Sarah Champigny, Anatoliy Chebanov, Cameron Chrisanthopoulos, Jaylina Cone, Hannah Cote, Jaden Couture, Evan Cruz, Mikayla Curley, Evan Danek, Allison Davenport, Jesse Davydov, Emily DeGeorge, Brooke Deming, Nicholas Donovan, Alyssa Drumm, Ella Eastman, Amelia Ellison, Maxwell Florian, Jessica Fox, Sera Gagnon, Livia Gavelis, Diana Ghareeb, Sofia Giordano, Jenel Gonzalez, Emily Gulla, Greta Halford, Marissa Hermans, Abbey Hildreth, Isabella Hill, Haley Hinshaw, Abigail Holmes, Christopher Johnson, Autumn Jones, Minseo Kang, Shane Kendall, Lillian Kennedy, Leah Kenny, Ella Kinchak, Emily Kukharchuk, Jacob Kulas, Igor Lavrenchuk, Rachel Le, Brynn Legros, Aurelius Liporada, Rebecca Littlehale, Angelee Lombardo, Patrick MacDonald, Alexander Marino, Kaycie McColley, Aiden McKay, Benjamin Melnik, Emma Miolla, Jayden Montagna, Elijah Naylor, Jr., Matthew Nigro, Summer O'Neil, Emily Ottomaniello, Grace Payne, Hayley Potter, Dayna Rahilly, Brooke Rising, Bella Rollend, Kaylee Sanchez, Jesse Schuler, Rachel Sigafose, Melena St. Jacques, Jessica Taylor, Ashlyn Thomas, Domenic Vecchiarelli, Dylan Wesley, Ernest Whitehead, Trinity Wright, Syeda Zahoor, Madison Zomek.

Grade 5: Connor Adamczyk, Hana Ahmed, Muhamer Ahmeti, Alisha Ali, Jared Anziano, Carson Asselin, Megan Ball, Jacob Barber. Emilia Barron, Jack Barton, Julianne Bazanchuk, Matthew Benard, Madison Bennett, Lillian Bissonnette, Aeryanna Bramlett, Davis Bryant, Landen Cahill, Jack Canney, Nicholas Caputo, Thomas Cascio, Ava Catelotti, Kylen Cavanaugh-O'Hanlon, Nolan Chamberland, Genevieve, Charette, Kylie Circosta, Matthew Cleavall, Rachel Cohen, Sean Colfer, Owen Connery, Nicholas Cote, Zahide Cure, Patrick Dahm, Gabrielle Dean, Alexander DeGray, Joshua Diaz, Jazmin Dunbar, Hunter Emmons, Murphy Estes, Dylan Fisk, Ryan Fitzgerald, Emily Fitzpatrick, Grace, Frasier, Emily Gamelli, Diana Ganovska, Bailey Gervais, Evan Gilbert, Cameron Gillis, Kendra Grady, Christina Grasso, Kaden Grover, Dakota Haggerty, Zoe Hartmann, Dimitri Heinze, Julianna Hunt, Zachary Hurley, Melina Ichton, Lynn Jang, Diana Javadian, Noah Jodoin, Colin Jorgensen, Jonathan Jung, Kyle Jurasz, Angela Kuzmenko, Colin La, Isabel Lalancette, lan Lamari,

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# Chicopee handles **. Agawam in** summer basketball action

By Nate Rosenthal Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

The summer basketball season has been one of learning and growth for the young Chicopee High girls basketball team. After some inconsistency in their play this summer, they culminated the week with a solid 49-37 win over Agawam. Trailing early they took the lead in latter stages of the first half and then took control of the game after the break.

Agawam, with their large frontcourt took an early lead, but Chicopee came back in short order to take a lead of their own. The teams went back and forth, trading leads until the final five minutes of the half. Then the Pacers put together some baskets and got the lead to six by the end of the half. The Brownies tied up the game in the first three minutes of the second half before Chicopee put on another run, thus opening up an eight-point advantage. In the final three minutes of the game, they were able to cross the double digit barrier.

After Sam Stratton gave Agawam a 2-0 lead off the opening tap, Taina Slaughter evened the score with a layup before the first minute was through. Bianca Culhane and Natalie Pullen scored for the Brownies in the next minute and they had a 6-2 lead. Maddie Gutierrez made it one point with a three two minutes later and Dora Castillo gave Chicopee its first lead moments after that. Caitlyn Normoyle got Agawam back in front with a basket on one trip and then a pair of free throws on another., Gutierrez responded to make it 10-9. After a Liz Milliken basket to get it to three, Brittany Peet made a free throw and Castillo put one in on a layup and with less than 10 minutes left in the half, the game was tied at 12-12. Agawam got the lead on a Madison O'Connor hoop and Gabby Hicks tied it. Castillo put Chicopee up 15-14 with a free throw. It was Gutierrez with a basket that was matched by O'Connor, then Slaughter got matched by Ayli Loftus. After that, it was Gutierrez for Chicopee and Jasmine Presacola for Agawam. In the final minute Gutierrez made two free throws and Peet, one and at the break, Chicopee led 26-20.

O'Connor scored for Agawam, some 25 seconds in. Slaughter got one back before Agawam tied it with a point by Milliken, two by

## Agawam C team closes out summer season











# Junior Legion close out playoffs with defeat

By Gregory A. Scibelli ascibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM - The season has come to an end for the Agawam Junior American Legion Post 185 baseball team.

Agawam made it through to the third round of the Junior League Playoffs in District 2/3, having won their first game over Chicopee, then falling against Wilbraham and finally losing to Ludlow on July 15.

Agawam needed to wait an extra day to close out their season as they started a game on July 14 against Ludlow and made it through a few innings before being washed out thanks to a severe thunderstorm.

According to coach Ron Wieners, the second day of the game was a little more kind for the Brownies, as they rallied down 12 runs to come with just two in a

'These kids showed a lot," said Wieners, "We were down 13-1 and we came all the way back."

Playing at their home field of Shea Park in an elimination game for both Agawam and Ludlow, the Lions would jump out to a big lead in the first three innings, and the Lions had the bases loaded in the fourth and already led 8-1.

When the game resumed the second night, Ludlow was able to plate five more runs to make it 13-1.

Agawam's pitching finally got it together and was able to shut the door on any more scoring, and Ludlow held down a big lead.

But thanks to big RBI doubles from Kian O'Keefe, Ben Melinkowski, and Jake Wieners, the Brownies were on their way to a big comeback. A.J. Kerr then added the second of two hits, a two-run home run.

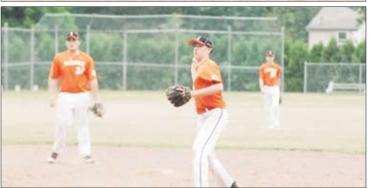
Matt Dube was the Agawam pitcher who was able to come out and give his team some stabilizing pitches on the mound. He would finish with five innings pitched, allowing just two earned

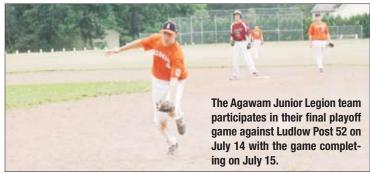
Ludlow would go on to lose their next game as Greenfield won the Junior Legion playoffs in District 2/3.

Agawam's Junior Legion team had perhaps the best performance of the spring and summer for the high school players. Both Agawam's varsity and Agawam's Senior American Legion teams struggled to get wins. Post 185 Senior Legion won just one game the whole summer and was swept out of the first round of the playoffs.

The Junior Legion team, which consisted of a number of freshman and junior varsity players, went 8-8 during the regular







# Mutiny shuts out TSF Academy

EAST LONGMEADOW - All that was left to play for the New England Mutiny in their regular season finale against the TSF Academy Valkyries was a second-place finish in the UWS East Conference. The Mutiny (6-4) would finish it early as two first half goals from Kate Howarth propelled the team to a 3-0 win over the Valkyries (3-4-3) at East Longmeadow High School. With the victory, New England clinched runner-up status behind East champion New Jersey Copa F.C. "What a bittersweet finish to the year," said Mutiny Head Coach Joe Abele. "Everyone regained their lost passion and performed admirably today in the heat." The Mutiny couldn't afford to let the visitors get a foothold in this match, as they did in their previous meeting when the Valkyries responded from an early deficit to score three unanswered goals in a 3-1 win on June 19th. New England got on the score board early in the 8th minute when Sharlotte Pernice gave the ball to Howarth on the left flank. The veteran forward dribbled towards goal and while her first shot was blocked, she gathered the rebound and beat TSF goalkeeper Caitlin Hoffer for the 1-0

The Mutiny didn't allow the Valkyries to respond this time and notched the second goal in the 17th minute. Deb Nelson won the ball in the midfield and deftly sent Howarth in on goal on a 1v1 opportunity. The team captain dribbled around Hoffer's dive for the ball and deposited it into the empty net to make the score 2-0. The home

side would hold the run of play for the remainder of the half and almost went up 3-0 in the 45th minute, but Hoffer stopped Bernice's scoring bid. The second half would see TSF hold more possession, but their offense couldn't muster enough pressure, as New England keeper and Belchertownnative Ashley Cavanaugh (who replaced starter Annie Ulliac at halftime) only had to make one save. The Valkyries ran out of gas as the half proceeded and the Mutiny would increase their pressure for the third goal. New England were awarded a penalty kick in the 81st minute when Abby Sotomayor was fouled from behind, but Stephanie Santos' spot kick was saved. Sotomayor would finish the scoring on the day in stoppage time, combining nicely with fellow second half substitute Kianna Woods in the final third. The first-year Mutiny forward blasted her shot from the top of the penalty area past Hoffer for the final score in the 3-0 win. With her two first half goals, Howarth has now moved past Meghan Schnur into second-place on the team's all-time scoring charts. Her 76 career points (32 goals, 12 assists) now only trails the top mark of 93 points, set by Mary-Frances Monroe (36 goals, 21 assists). "We got to see a lot of new talent for next year and thank some of our players who aren't returning for their contributions," said Abele. "I want to thank all of our fans for braving the heat today and supporting us every game. Without them, this wouldn't be possible."



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Derek Bauer makes a running catch in foul territory.

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# Blue Sox split weekend games, in second place

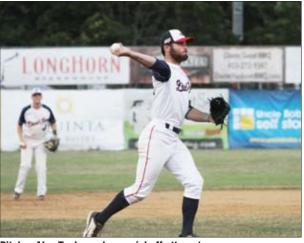
HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox (20-16) dropped a 10-4 decision Sunday against the Danbury Westerners (18-20) at MacKenzie Stadium.

Greg Jacknewitz (1-1, 4.69 ERA, Xavier) allowed five runs, though only two were earned, as four Blue Sox errors proved costly in Jacknewitz's first start this season. Danbury's Will Jahn (4-1, 2.30 ERA) tossed seven strong innings, limiting Valley to two runs on five hits.

The Blue Sox struck first with an RBI single by Hezekiah Randolph (New Orleans), bringing home Zach Goldstein (SNHU), but the Westerners stormed back with four runs in the second.

Danbury tacked on one run in the third and added five more in the fifth. Valley relievers Brennan Washington (Belmont), Connor Donovan (Lehigh), and James Nittoli (Texas) held the Westerners scoreless in the final four innings.

Braxton Morris (Morehead State) posted the only multi-hit effort for the Blue Sox, scoring on sac flies by Derek Bauer (SNHU) in the



Pitcher Alex Tuohy makes a pickoff attempt.

third and Chris Starcun (AIC) in the ninth.

Mark Grunberg (Towson) scored in his Blue Sox debut, reaching home on an error after a Morris single.

Agawam's Tyler Lyne got into the game, playing left field and going 0-for-2 for the Blue Sox. He has had a tough summer, going 4-for-33 (.121 batting average) in limited action for Valley.

Blue Sox shut out Nighthawks 4-0

Alec Tuohy pitched seven scoreless innings and his relievers finished the job as the Valley Blue Sox (20-15)

combined for a 4-0 shutout Saturday against the Upper Valley Nighthawks (14-22) at MacKenzie Stadium.

The senior pitcher struck out six while allowing five hits, and has now combined for 13 scoreless innings over his last two starts.

"I feel really good," Tuohy said. "I'm just having fun and doing whatever the team needs to help us win and make this playoff run."

Tuohy (2-1, 3.09 ERA, SUNY Buffalo) delivered one of the season's best outings at a time when his team needed it most, as much of

the Blue Sox bullpen was unavailable to pitch tonight after playing four games in three days.

"Alec was outstanding, and it came at the absolute perfect time," Blue Sox manager John Raiola said. "With playing extra innings yesterday and playing every day for the rest of the season, it was exactly what we needed. Alec was absolutely outstanding and he continues to get better."

The Blue Sox have now won three straight, including eight of their last 10, to climb within a game of the first-place Sanford Mainers.

"We're starting to buy in to it at all," said Tuohy, the Buffalo pitcher. "We understand that a lot of teams are struggling and limping in. We're going to be strong and hopefully do some big things the rest of the way."

Valley left six runners on base in the first three innings, but finally capitalized with the bases loaded in the fourth. Erik Ostberg (Hartford) smoked a comebacker that bounced off

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# **Reading rallies to overtake Pioneers**

**By Tim Peterson** *Turley Publications Sports Correspondent* 

EXTER TOWNSHIP, Penn. - After suffering back-to-back losses during the final weekend of the regular season, the Western Mass. Pioneers players and coaching staff were forced to travel to Pennsylvania in order to play in their first playoff match since 2008.

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead a little more than 20:00 into the opening half, but Reading United AC scored the tying goal late in the

half. The home team added two more goals in the second half en route to a 3-1 victory in an Eastern Conference first round match held at Don Thomas Stadium, last Tuesday night.

"Whenever your team loses, you're always disappointed, but I thought we played very well tonight," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We just couldn't put away the couple of chances that we had and they were able to put their chances away. That was the difference in this match."

Had the Pioneers, who finished the season with a 7-4-4 overall record, defeated Reading United, the conference semifinals and finals would've been held at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow last weekend.

"I thought we had a very good season," Molinari added. "We qualified for the playoffs for the first time since we joined the PDL and we also most likely qualified for the U.S. Open Cup next year."

Ludlow native Jay Willis, who didn't play in the playoff match against Reading United, said that he has retired as a player. He'll most likely continue as an assistant coach next year.

"Jay's an unbelievable soccer player and he's also a great person," Molinari said. "I would've liked to see him play in his final game, but he wasn't feeling well before the start of the match."

Very few members of the Pioneers traveling party were feeling very well following the seven hour trip to Exter High School.

The Pioneers bus had

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Nighthawks pitcher Ryan Takacs, allowing Brodie Leftridge (Tennessee) to score the game's first run.

Kyle Mottice (Cincinnati) led off the sixth with a single, and Braxton Morris (Morehead State) doubled on the next at bat to bring him home.

Mottice finished the night 2 for 5, and is batting a team-best .317. Morris finished 3 for 5 and added a steal to push his league leading total to 19.

Hezekiah Randolph hit a sac fly in the sixth and another in the eighth inning, bringing home Morris both times.

Blue Sox relievers Tyler Smith (Canisius) and Liam Carter (Missouri) pitched a scoreless inning apiece to complete the combined shutout with Alec Tuohy.

Smith's ERA now stands at 1.92 over 18 innings while Carter has a 1.65 ERA through 16.

Valley completes a three game homestand tomorrow against the Danbury Westerners. Greg Jacknewitz (1-0, 4.76 ERA, Xavier) is expected to make his first start with the Blue Sox.



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Alex Hastings (21) chips the ball up the field.

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to take a detour through the Bronx because the Tappan Zee Bridge was closed after a crane collapsed on the roadway. The bus finally arrived at Don Thomas Stadium about 45 minutes before kickoff.

"It's not very easy to ride seven hours on a bus and then have to play a soccer match," Molinari said. "We did take a 1-0 lead in the first half, which was a good way to start."

Less than five minutes into the contest, a header by Western Mass. forward Chris Roswess was saved by Reading goalkeeper Steffen Kraus, who was credited with two saves. A couple of minutes later, Western Mass. midfielder Evan Burokas lined a shot that just went the crossbar.

Burokas was credited with the assist on the Pioneers only goal of the match, which took place during the 23rd minute. He sent a forward pass to fellow midfielder Maxi Viera, who blasted a shot into the left corner past Kraus, who wasn't able to make the

"The goal did give us an early lead," Viera said. "We just couldn't hold onto to it for the entire 90 minutes."

It looked like Reading would score the tying goal ten minutes later when Pioneers goalie Nick Zucco fell down trying to make a save, but defender Ben Lamb somehow managed to clear the rebound shot with his foot before the ball crossed over the line.

Reading United tied the score during the 40th minute when Frantzdy Pierrot redirected a pass into the left corner.

The score remained tied until the 71st minute when Reading took the lead for the first time following a goal by Rayane Boukemia. Their third goal was scored in the 90th minute by Ismael Noumansana.

Zucco, who graduated from Ludlow High School, made an outstanding diving save on a penalty kick in stoppage time.

Reading United (11-4-1) lost, 4-1, against the Ocean City Nor'easters in the Eastern Conference final, last Sunday

The Pioneers long bus ride home for the Pioneers was a lot smoother. The bus arrived back in Ludlow early Wednesday morning. It was most likely the final time that some of the players saw Lusitano Stadium.

# **Valley Wheel:**

# **Playoff teams now set**

fter a moment of silence recognizing **L**baseball lover Dan Livingstone, the Twins and Angels took the field. The game was immediately affected by a tragic collision between Twins shortstop Sandro Frattura and leftfielder Matt Cartwright. Each player was rushed to nearby hospitals to be treated for broke bones and concus-

The Twins would nevertheless rally. Chester Warner pitched a complete game with 11 strikeouts and iust one walk.

with the scoring of stand-in catcher Oldmixon (3-for-5, run, RBI, 2 SB) in the first following a Matt Collins (2for-5, run, RBI, SB) single. The Angels responded with two first-inning runs of their own, with Cygan (1-for-5, run) and Catter (1-for-4, run) both scoring.

The Angels wouldn't score again until the seventh with Dean Martilli (1-4) crossing the plate. Meanwhile, the Twins would rack up 10 runs going into the eighth.

3 for 5 in the game to make the runs happen: Dan Benoit (3-for-5, 3B, 2 RBI, 3 Runs, SB), Mike Dodson (3-for-5, run, RBI), Ken Lepage (3-5, 3B, SB, 2 RBI, 2 runs), Geoff Oldmixon (3-for-5, run, RBI, 2 SB), and Steve Petig (3-for-

Smith (2-for-4, run, RBI, SB) and John Roberts (2-for-4, run), but it would fall far short of what they needed to overcome the Twins.

The Twins struck first

Five Twins batters went

5, 3B, RBI, run).

The Angels would add two more runs in the 9th after some aggressive 9th-inning base running, scoring

A's secure top seed The A's first inning success continued as they put up two quick runs in the first on a double by Dubuque and a single by Paroli. The Orioles would answer in the bottom of the inning on singles by T. Young and Nason. The Orioles would take the lead in the third with a triple from B. Young and a double by Braley. In the top of the fifth the A's would bat around putting up six runs with doubles from Mongeon and Powell to take the 8-4 lead. The Orioles cut the lead in half with two runs in the fifth on hits from T. Young, Duquette and Strempel. Each team would add two runs in the sixth inning to make it 10-8. The A's would push the lead up to 13-8 in the top of the seventh on hits from Paroli and Provost. The Orioles would not go away though as they chipped away with 2 runs in the seventh and another run in the eighth making it 13-11. The A's would put the game away with a nine-run top of the ninth. The A's offense was led by Oleksak, Paroli, Dubuque and Velez with three hits each. Provost and Pellerin were right behind with two hits each. The Orioles were led by Braley and Duquette with three hits each. B. Young, T. Young and Strempel were right be-

hind with two hits each. Tigers clinch second seed, eliminate Cubs

The Tigers secured a second place finish in the Valley Wheel Baseball League regular season standings with an exciting 7-5 victory over the Cubs at School Street in Agawam on Sunday afternoon. Taylor Blankenburg started on the mound for the Tigers and opposed Alex Carrasquillo of the Cubs. The scoring started in the bottom of the first inning for the Tigers as Jose Pena doubled and came around to score on an error by the Cubs third baseman on a popup by Blankenburg which was lost in the sun. The Cubs answered in the top of the second as Lopes singled and stole second coming around to score on a throwing error by the Tigers' shortstop on a ground ball by Dow. The Tigers took the lead again in the bottom of the second. Jon Moody singled to lead off the inning and took second on a ground out by Robby Jacques Jr. Jason Douglas followed with an RBI single. Both teams were scoreless in the third. The Cubs tied things up in the top of the fourth as Donnelly singled and came around to score on a single by Bouvier. The Tigers took the lead again in the fourth. With one out, Gary Cameron singled. Blankenburg followed with a booming double to left center. Cameron tried to score but was cut down at home by a nice Cubs relay throw by Campbell. However, Ted Rosenholm followed with a single to left

scoring Blankenburg and putting the Tigers up 3-2 after 4 innings. Neither team scored again until the bottom of the sixth when the Tigers plated two runs. Craig Michaud and Bob Jacques Sr led off the inning with back to back singles and scored on a double by Efrain Morales. Things got interesting in the top of the seventh inning. Caputo, Campbell and Bouvier all singled to start the inning loading the bases. A passed ball scored Caputo and allowed Campbell and Bouvier to get into scoring position. Blankenburg bounced back to strike out Lopes and Audette. With two outs, Muhammed hit a ground ball right at Jon Moody playing shortstop for the Tigers. The ball took a wicked hop and hit him in the right eye. This scored two runs and tied the game at 5. Moody left the field but was able to finish the game on offense. In the bottom of the seventh, the Tigers took the lead for good. Campbell came on to pitch for the Cubs. Pena singled with one out and took second on a wild pitch. After a Cameron strikeout, the Cubs intentionally walked Blankenburg with two outs to get to Rosenholm. On a 2-2 count, Rosenholm ripped a double to left center plating Pena and Blankenburg and putting the Tigers ahead for good. The Cubs could not score in the eighth or ninth innings. Blankenburg pitched a complete game for the Tigers, striking out 14.

## **GOLF CALENDAR**

#### **Commanders Tournament set for Aug. 20**

WILBRAHAM - The Polish American Veterans Club of Wilbraham is having their GolfTournament on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Pine Grove Golf Course in Northampton.It is a four-person scramble.

Cost is \$55. Does not include carts. It does include greens fee and steak dinner.

Contact Lou Grondalski at 543-3506 for more information.

#### **Polish American Citizens' Club** To Hold Annual Golf Outing

LUDLOW - The Polish tests are also included. American Citizens' Club of Ludlow will hold its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 21 at Westover Golf Club. This will be a scramble format with double shotgun starts at 7 a.m. and 12 p.m.

This golf tournament is open to the public and women are encouraged to play. The cost of this event is \$90 per person, which includes golf, cart, dinner and refreshments back at the club. Hole in One con-

Your chance to win \$5,000, golf clubs, Bose Wave Radio, or a \$500 cash card. Proceeds from this event are used for our youth scholarships. Sign up sheets are available at the club located at 355 East St. Deadline for signups is Aug. 14.

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O'Connor and two by Culhane. Chicopee then took control, scoring the next seven points for a 34-27 lead. It was Peet, Castillo from the floor and then Gutierrez

from three-point land. Erin  $Considine\, broke\, the\, run\, with$ a free throw and then Gutierrez scored for an eight point Chicopee lead. The margin got to nine with 11 minutes

to go on a Slaughter threepoint play. Loftus buried a three to bring it back to six. An O'Connor free throw it to five with 9:20 left. Gutierrez hit a three for an eight-point lead. Chicopee inched away further outscoring Agawam. 9-3 over the final nine minutes. Marelia Vargas had a three for the Pacers. Gutierrez scored 18 points, hitting from beyond the arc three times. Slaughter was next with 12 points, O'Connor topped the Brownie list with nine and Normoyle

#### July 5, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:30PM for all parties interested in the appeal of Antoni & Florence Baszak, who are appealing a decision of the Building Inspector as allowed in Section 2, Paragraph C of the Town of Agawam's "Adopted Charter" and Ch.40A, Section 6 to determine if a lot is grandfathered as a building lot at the premises identified as Parcel G10-02-0006 Mill Street.

**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson Agawam Board of Appeals 7/21,7/28/16

#### LEGAL NOTICES June 27, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Children's Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on Monday. August 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM for all parties interested in the appeal of HP Hood, LLC, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-56 of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances to allow for the construction of three milk storage silos at the premises identified as 233 Main Street. **Doreen Prouty** Chairperson

Agawam Board of Appeals 7/21,7/28/16 LEGAL NOTICES

June 27, 2016 Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Children's Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:30PM for all parties interested in the appeal of Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, who is seeking a Special

Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 Paragraph B-2 (b) of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances to allow for the construction of a residential structure with less than the required side yard at the premises identified as 203 Cooper Street.

**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson Agawam Board of Appeals 7/21,7/28/16

#### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August **4, 2016 at 6:30 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Tirone Development Corp. for a zone change request on 186 Maple Street from Residence A2 to Residence B. Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF: Mark R. Paleologopoulos, Chairman

Agawam Planning Board 7/21.7/28/16

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**FORMAL** ADJUDICATION To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal

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WITNESS, Hon. Anne **M Geoffrion,** First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 22, 2016 Suzanne T. Seguin

Register of Probate

7/28/16

Commonwealth of Massachusetts County of Hampden The Superior Court CIVIL DOCKET #1679CV00481

RE: 360 Federal Credit Union vs Glenn J Consolini ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Glenn J Consolini, an adult Massachusetts resident with a last and usual place of residence at 35 Ruth Avenue, Agawam, MA 01001, in the County of Hampden; all in said Commonwealth:

AND TO ALL PER-SONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SERVICE MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED 2003 as amended:

360 Federal Credit Union, a credit union organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut with a principal place of business at 191 Ella Grasso Turnpike. Windsor Locks, CT 06096, authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering 35 Ruth Avenue, Agawam, MA 01001 given by the Defendant to 360 Federal Credit Union dated May 16, 2013 recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 19830, Page 328 has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the

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Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Chief Justice of the

Superior Court, at Springfield, Massachusetts, this 13th day of July, 2016.

Laura S. Gentile Clerk of the Courts By: Stephanie Roscoe Assistant Clerk

7/28/16

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BY ORDER OF: Mark R. Paleologopoulos,

Chairman

Agawam Planning Board

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This award requires an extraordinary amount of time and effort," says AGD Immediate Past President W. Mark Donald. "Dr. Michitti should be commended for his unflagging commitment to continuing education, which allows him to provide the best possible dental care and oral health education to his patients."

graduated Michitti from The Ohio State College of Dentistry in 2006 with a DDS degree, and currently practices dentistry at Lifetime Dental on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. The Academy of General Dentistry is the second largest dental association in the United States. For more information, visit www.agd.org.

Dr. Frank Michitti, right. stands with Past President W. Mark Donald at the **Academy of General Dentistry** annual meeting. SUBMITTED PHOTO



# Callahan named employee benefits manager at HUB International



Karla Callahan

EAST LONGMEADOW — HUB International New England, a division of HUB International Limited, a leading global insurance brokerage, risk advisory and employee benefits firm, announced the hiring of Karla Callahan as an Employee Benefits Client Relationship manager in the East Longmeadow office.

Callahan, a resident of Agawam, has an extensive background in employee benefits and was previously

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**CHURCH** 745 Main St., Agawam 786-7111 Pastor: Rev. Greg E. Dawson office@AgawamCong.com www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m. Communion on the first Sunday of the

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WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday 10 a.m. Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Coffee hour after worship; Bible Study after fellowship. Prepare Meal for Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter 2nd Saturdays 2-5 p.m. Offsite Worship:

Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m. Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m. Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m. Country Estates, 2nd and 5th Thursdays,

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WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday 9am & 10:45am Christian Education offered during both Nightlife Contemporary Service: Sunday

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

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WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday Services, 10 a.m. Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children Community Night: The first Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. Free dinner served.

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370 Shoemaker Lane Agawam (413) 786-1681 jesussaves.7@comcast.net Church Website: www.faithbible -church

Pastor: Rick Donofrio

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# Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SEC-TION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteerdriven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Noncharitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Saturday, July 30 EIGHTH ANNUAL KIDS SAFETY EXPO at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, 1000 Hall of Fame Ave., Springfield from 9 a.m. to noon. Free activities include fire safety, K-9 demonstration, clowns, giveaways and resources for lost or missing children such as fingerprinting and dental impressions. For more information, visit KidsSafetyExpo.com.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 2 "MUSICALMOMENTS"

free concert at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature the Charlie Galvin Band — soft rock. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 3 THE FMCA'S FAM-ILY REUNION AND MO-TORHOME SHOWCASE today from 1 to 5 p.m., and tomorrow through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$10 per person, children under 12 admitted

Thursday, Aug. 4 THE BIG E MARDI GRAS BAND will perform in concert from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Storrowton Village Green in a free performance sponsored by the West Springfield Parks & Recreation Department.

Saturday, Aug. 6 **BROTHERS** BLUES BRIEFCASE, the only Blues Brothers tribute band, in a free concert from 5 to 7 p.m. on the Tolland Town Green. Bring lawn chair and blanket. In the event of rain, it will be held inside at the Public Safety Complex, 206 W. Granville Road, Tolland.

Tuesday, Aug. 9 "MUSICALMOMENTS" free concert at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature Dan Kane & Friends - Broadway. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 **KIDSFEST** CHIL-**DREN'S ENTERTAIN-**MENT PROGRAM at 11 a.m. on Veterans Green, 689 Main St., Agawam, in front of Phelps School features Jedlie's Magic Circus. Free event. In case of rain, the show will be moved indoors to the Phelps gymna-

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Friday, Aug. 12 EAST COAST GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$8 per person; children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult.

Saturday, Aug. 13 SPRINGFIELD HOCK-EY HERITAGE SOCIETY from noon to 4 p.m. in the food court on the grounds of the Big E at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$20 for members; \$26 for non-members. Visit hockeyspringfield.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 16 FRIENDS OF GRANBY **ELDERLY SUMMER CON-**CERT from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Dufresne Field in Granby, Conn. will feature King Kountry. Free will offering. Bring chairs, blankets and bug spray.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 MASSACHUSETTS MORGAN HORSE SHOW from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Thursday, Aug. 18 THE WALL THAT **HEALS** in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.Free admission. It will be open 24 hours a day from today through Sunday. Sponsored by the West Springfield Veterans Services office.

Thursday, Aug. 25 THE NEWTOWN KEN-NEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today through Saturday in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

NORTHEAST THE REINING HORSE SHOW from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Sunday in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Friday, Aug. 26 NORTHWEST-THE ERN CONNECTICIT KEN-**NEL CLUB DOG** SHOW from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admis-

Sunday, Aug. 28 THE ELM CITY KEN-NEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Sunday, Sept. 25 SACRED AMERICAN MUSIC, 1816-2016, community concert at 2 p.m. at Copper Hill United Methodist Church, 27 Copper Hill Road, E. Granby, Conn.

#### **ONGOING**

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET open every Thursday, rain or shine, from noon to 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 6. Free parking available. ADA accessible. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, fruit, honey and bee products, goats' meat and milk products, baked goods, wine, wood crafts, dairy and more. SNAP customers receive up to \$10 match in purchasing benefit weekly.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. **Follows** school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

## Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

MONDAY, AUG. 1: ROAST CHICKEN MARSALA, AU GRATIN POTATOES, PEAS AND CAR-ROTS, FRESH PEACHES.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2: LENTIL SOUP, HAM SALAD SANDWICH, BROCCOLI SALAD, BIRTHDAY CAKE.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3: CHICKEN A LA KING, RICE, MIXED VEGETABLES, DICED

THURSDAY, AUG. 4: AMERICAN CHOP SUEY, GAR-DEN SALAD, MIXED FRUIT.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5: BAKED FISH, SCALLOPED POTATOES, BUTTERED SPINACH, PUD-DING.

#### Calendar of Events

MONDAY, AUG. 1: 8 A.M., WEIGHT TRAINING; 8:15 A.M., YOGA; 9 A.M., EAR MAS-TERS FREE HEARING SCREEN-ING: 9:30 A.M., LINE DANCING: 11:30 A.M., GENTLE YOGA; 1 P.M., BINGO; 2-4 P.M., MONTH-LY DAY DANCE WITH RICHIE MITNICK; 5:30 P.M., ZUMBA

TUESDAY, AUG. 2: 9 A.M., KNITTING CLASS, SUM-MER EXERCISE; 9:30 A.M., SHUFFLEBOARD AT ST. JOHN'S FIELD, S.H.I.N.E.; NOON, LA-DIES ONLY BILLIARDS; 12:30 P.M., MAH JONGG, MOVIE ("MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING"); 1 P.M., MEXICAN TRAIN GAME; 5 P.M., TRIP TO TANGLEWOOD: 6 P.M., BEGINNER LINE DANCE.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3: 8 A.M., WEIGHT TRAINING; 8:15 A.M., YOGA; 9:45 A.M., GENTLE YOGA; 12:30 P.M., BRIDGE; 1 P.M., BALLROOM LESSONS, SCRABBLE; 1:30 P.M., GOLDEN AGERS CHAPTER 2 MEETING; 5:30 P.M., ZUMBA GOLD.

THURSDAY. AUG. 9 A.M., SUMMER EXERCISE CLASS; 9:30 A.M., QUILTING; 10 A.M., LINE DANCING; 12:30 P.M., BRIDGE; 1 P.M., PITCH; 6:30 P.M., EVENING PITCH, EVENING LINE DANCING.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5: 8 A.M., YOGA: 9:15 A.M., ALL MEDIA ART CLASS; NOON, CANASTA; 1 P.M., PITCH, CRIBBAGE; 4 P.M., POKER.







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